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What Can I Do With a Major In English?

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Where Do English Majors Work & Study?

Now – Within 6 Months of Graduation

AmeriCorps
Corps Member

Bemaven Current
Freelance Technical Writer

Blue Engine
ELA Teacher Assistant

Boston University
MFA Creative Writing

Catapult Marketing
Account Executive

Colgate University
MAT Secondary Education

Colleton County Middle School
Middle School English Teacher

Columbia University
MFA Poetry

Comedy Central / Spike
Assistant, Integrated Marketing

ConvergeDirector
Digital Marketing Specialist

Deutsche Bank
Public Relations

Drexel University
Executive Copywriter

DVF (Diane von Furstenberg)
Brand Communications Intern

EF Education First
Regional Account Coordinator

Fordham University
MA English Literature

Forehand + Lake
Interior Design Assistant

GovDelivery
Digital Content Fellow

Grey New York
Reputation Management Intern

HBO
Editorial Assistant

Kaye Scholer LLP
Legal Assistant

Lausanne Collegiate School
Upper School English Teacher

Ogilvy & Mather
Marketing Coordinator

Random House Publishing
Editorial Assistant Intern

Relevant24
Copywriter

Rue La La
Junior Copywriter, Content

SimpleResearch
Copywriter

Steptoe and Johnson
Paralegal

Sterling Publishing
Marketing Assistant

Story Shares
Literacy and Education Coordinator

Success Academy Charter Schools
Associate Teacher

Sullivan & Worcester LLP
Corporate Data Analyst

SUNY Plattsburgh
MS Adolescence Education,
English

The Americans
Production Assistant

Thrillist
Editorial Intern

VMG Creative
Freelance Copywriter

Weil, Gotschal & Manges
Paralegal

William Morris Endeavor
Assistant

Zenith
Assistant Planner, Digital and
Magazine Activation

If You Like These Outcomes, Consider These Career Communities:

**Arts, Communications
& Media**

**Social Impact &
Education**

**Government &
Law**

Later – Up to 25 Years After Graduation

10Fold Communications
Account Manager

Adirondack Mountain Club
Editor

Albany Times Union
Editorial Page Editor

Argentum
Director, Government Relations

Avon Old Farms School
Associate Director of
Communications

BBC Worldwide/Storyworks
Content Strategist

Bisnow
Branded Content Writer/Editorial

Boing Media LLC
President

Brooklyn Law School
JD Law

**Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft
LLP**
Associate

Captains of Industry
Strategy Director

Carnegie Mellon
MA English

CBS Inc
VP Promotions Marketing

Cole Haan
Director of International
Merchandising

Columbia University
MS Journalism

Cornell University
JD Law

**Denise Marcil Literary Agency,
LLC**
Literary Agent

E Tanny Design LLC
Home Designer

Evergreen Health
Physical Therapist

Federal Public Defender
Attorney

Holland & Knight LLP
High Stakes Communications -
Risk and Crisis Management
Strategist

Hunter College
MA Adolescent English Education

Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra
Operations Manager

L + L Design
Designer

Magrino Agency, Inc.
President, Public Relations

Manhattan High School for Girls
English Teacher

MGM Studios
Executive Vice President

National Geographic Partners
Director, International Media

New York Times
Editor

New York University
JD Law

Opus Entertainment
Talent Manager

Pair of Shoes Marketing
Founder and President

PayPal
Marketing Manager for Enterprise
Marketing Storytelling and
Thought Leadership

**Planned Parenthood Mohawk
Hudson, Inc.**
Grants Officer

Rally Health
Director, Privacy and Business
Affairs

Real Food Farm
Education Programs Assistant

Rhode Island School of Design
MA Graphic Design

Samsung Electronics America
Vice President, General Manager

**Schenectady County Office of
Children/Family Services**
Deputy County Attorney

Shipbuilders Council of America
Manager of Government Affairs

Simon & Schuster
VP/Deputy Publisher

St. Johns University
Ph.D. Nineteenth Century British
Literature and Culture

The Associated Press
Supervising Editor

**The George Washington
University**
MS Publishing

The Kurland Group
Associate Attorney

The Wry Home Blog
Founder

UC Davis
Ph.D. English

VICE Media LLC
Associate Editor, Global

Viewpoint Public Relations Inc.
President

Vroom
Product Manager

Yale University
MFA Graphic Design

Internships Completed by English Majors

Creative Blood Agency
Digitas
Esquire Magazine
Everson Museum of Art
Fidelity Investments
Food Network Magazine
Katz Media Group
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
NBCUniversal Media LLC

Northfield Mount Hermon School
Planned Parenthood Southeastern PA
Scholastic, Inc.
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
The Daily Show with Trevor Noah
The Wall Street Journal
WaterNow Alliance
World Civic Orchestra

In Their Own Words:

My biggest piece of advice is not to give up. Trying to make it in the arts (writing or otherwise) is really tough. I know a lot of people who have already fallen back into a safe job and given up on their artistic dreams. Your dream career is not going to happen overnight and you have to be patient and be willing to work your way up and be flexible about the path on which life takes you.

Unlike becoming a doctor or a lawyer, becoming a writer doesn't have a set path. Work ten times harder than anyone else you know, and when you find yourself working two support jobs so you can make rent, just try to see the big picture. Meet everyone you can in your industry "be friendly and charming and sincere" if people truly like you, they are more likely to help you out.

Adrienne Schaffler, 2013

Find opportunities to get outside the classroom. Nothing served my writing better than working abroad. Many MFA programs in creative writing offer full funding—apply to those! Explore a variety of writing genres—short stories, lyric essays, screenplays. Don't get locked in.

Always have a few projects going at once—if someone likes something you've written, they'll want to see more. Put your flaws on the page. That's what's interesting.

Naomi Telushkin, 2011